

Social Distance Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walks: May 18, 2021

Incidental Notes.

- Oh My! What a day for spring migrants. Thanks Everyone!
- Lauren's From Afar list is impressive! And, imagine if the BI observations had included a habitat with shorebirds – the BI list would have been well over 70 species!
- The individual Block Island lists are reduced as the Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walk on Block Island has resumed, thus generating one list from one walk location, rather than separate lists from a variety of locations. (For the time being the in-persons walks will be limited to 10 people, with, of course, mask-wearing and other Covid-19 protocols.) Thanks to the "Coot Walkers" who also submitted observations. At this time of year it is especially great to get as much coverage of the Island's haunts and habitats as possible.
- Both lists are an aggregate of observations from the two groups of observers (B.I. and Afar).
- A note of caution: when counting at a bird feeder it is the most reliable/conservative to count the number of a species seen at any one time. Care should be taken to not over count by tallying the cumulative number seen.
- [Things in brackets are notes by me - kg] How I quantify: Few=3, Several=5, Many/Numerous=10

Block Island

(54 species)

Canada Goose – 35

Mute Swan – 1

Mallard – 16

Ruddy Duck – 7

Ring-necked Pheasant – 6

Double-crested Cormorant – 12

Black-crowned Night-heron – 1

Turkey Vulture – 2

Osprey – 6

Herring Gull – 20

Great Black-backed Gull – 60

Mourning Dove – 6

Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 2

Downy Woodpecker – 2

American Kestrel – 1

Great-crested Flycatcher – 1

Eastern Kingbird – 3

Tree Swallow – 3

Bank Swallow – 22

Barn Swallow - 2

Red-breasted Nuthatch – 1

House Wren – 1

Carolina Wren – 10

Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1
Veery – 1
American Robin – 30
Gray Catbird – 16
European Starling – 9
Ovenbird – 1
Golden-winged Warbler – 1
Black-and-white Warbler – 4
Tennessee Warbler – 1
Common Yellowthroat – 13
American Redstart – 4
Northern Parula – 1
Magnolia Warbler – 1
Bay-breasted Warbler – 12
Blackburnian Warbler – 4
Yellow Warbler – 32
Chestnut-sided Warbler – 1
Blackpoll – 14
Myrtle (Yellow-rumped) Warbler – 10
Black-throated Green Warbler - 1
Rufus-sided Towhee – 5
Song Sparrow – 8
Scarlet Tanager – 1
Northern Cardinal – 4
Red-winged Blackbird – 35
Common Grackle – 4
Brown-headed Cowbird – 1
Baltimore Oriole – 1
House Finch – 2
American Goldfinch – 6
House Sparrow – 2

From Afar Salem, CT; Westport, MA; Sedbergh, England.

(59 species)

Wood Duck – 2
*Pheasant – 1
Common Loon – 1
Great Blue Heron – 9
*Grey Heron – 1
Mourning Dove – 1
*Wood Pigeon – 4
*Tawny Owl – 1
Chimney Swift – 1
*Swift – 3
Ruby-throated Hummingbird – 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker – 1
Downy Woodpecker – 1
Northern Flicker² – 1 (Yellow-shafted)

Eastern Wood-Pewee – 1
Great-crested Flycatcher – 2
Yellow-throated Vireo – 1
Tree Swallow – 7
Barn Swallow – 4
*Swallow – 3
*Buzzard – 1
Blue Jay – 1
*Magpie – 2
*Crow species – 3
White-breasted Nuthatch – 1
Black-capped Chickadee – 7
Tufted Titmouse – 5
*Bluetits – 4
House Wren – 1
*Wren – 1
Carolina Wren – 1
American Robin – 3
*Robin – 3
Gray Catbird – 12
Northern Mockingbird – 1
European Starling – 1
Cedar Waxwing – 2
Ovenbird – 2
Northern Waterthrush – 3
Blue-winged Warbler – 5
Black-and-white Warbler – 1
Common Yellowthroat – 7
American Redstart – 5
Northern Parula – 2
Blackburnian Warbler – 1
Yellow Warbler – 11
Eastern Towhee – 3
Chipping Sparrow – 3
Song Sparrow – 4
Northern Cardinal – 4
Rose-breasted Grosbeak – 2
Red-winged Blackbird – 8
Common Grackle – 3
Brown-headed Cowbird – 4
Baltimore Oriole – 3
House Finch – 2
American Goldfinch – 3
*Goldfinch – 4
House Sparrow – 6

[Crazy-as-a-Coot Bird Walkers](#) – eBird report: Sachem Pond (include bottom of Bush Lot Hill to Settlers Rock & Golden Grove), Washington, Rhode Island, US May 18, 2021 8:00 AM - 10:15 AM. Protocol: Traveling 0.5 mile(s) Checklist
Comments: Birded the road from the bottom of Bush Lot Hill to, and into, the USFW land. We did not go to Golden

Grove. Sunny and beautiful with WSW light wind and approximately 60 - 65 F. Participants: Heather Hatfield, Susan Matheke, Diane King, Amy Keeler, Betty Finn, Tom Getz, Austin Morin, Betsy Smith, and KG. Note: KG feels confident that a Canada Warbler was observed, but there were not "second" observers of this species that is only seen during migration times. 48 species: Canada Goose 35, Mute Swan 1, Mallard 16, Ruddy Duck 7, Ring-necked Pheasant 6, Mourning Dove 6, Herring Gull 20, Great Black-backed Gull 60, Double-crested Cormorant 12, Osprey 1, Downy Woodpecker 2, American Kestrel 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 1, Eastern Kingbird 3, Blue-headed Vireo 1, Blue Jay 8, American Crow 5, Fish Crow 2, Tree Swallow 3, Bank Swallow 22, Barn Swallow 2, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, Red-breasted Nuthatch 1, Carolina Wren 9, European Starling 9, Gray Catbird 10, American Robin 23, House Sparrow 2, House Finch 2, American Goldfinch 5, Song Sparrow 6, Eastern Towhee 5, Baltimore Oriole 1, Red-winged Blackbird 35, Common Grackle 4, Black-and-white Warbler 2, Common Yellowthroat 4, American Redstart 2, Northern Parula 1, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler 2, Yellow Warbler 20, Chestnut-sided Warbler 1, Blackpoll Warbler 10, Yellow-rumped Warbler 10, Black-throated Green Warbler 1, Scarlet Tanager 1, Northern Cardinal 4

Drew Wheelan – I didn't get out birding, but kept the door open at my upholstery shop behind the pharmacy and amongst the very vocal resident Carolina Wrens, Robins and Catbirds were two Blackpoll Warblers and a very vocal and cooperative Tennessee Warbler in the privet behind the new TNC house!
Drew Wheelan

Gail & Shorty Cahill – Hi Kim, While not exactly on Tuesday but Wednesday we investigated the birds we saw on our last trip to CT on the side of the highway rt 11 in Salem CT. They appear to be 5 adults and three young Great Blue Heron that we can see nesting above the wetlands there.

We have to pass this spot each time we head to Emmys new house, we are far enough away to stop and be able to watch them without disturbing them. So exciting!

Attaching a picture or two taken with my phone. Unfortunately no camera for a good shot. Hope you are able to see them. Have to look high in the tree tops. G & S.

Kim Gaffett – At Banding station/Lapham's after the morning of Coot Walk, between 2 and 5p.m. 1 Catbird, 4 YT, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 Robin, 2 A. Redstart, 1 Black & White Warbler, 1 House Wren, 1 A. Goldfinch, 1 Blackpoll, 2 Yellow Warbler, 1 Ovenbird, 1 BH Cowbird, 2 RT Hummingbird.

Jon Peterson – Hi Kim: As usual, I'm off island for the bird walk. However, Janie and I have been here, beginning May 12th and leaving today, the 17th. On the 12th, Janie saw a Golden Winged Warbler and I watched a Veery patrol our lawn for a while. The next day, amazing: Blackburnian warblers (2) and they stayed all day, a Magnolia, and Black and White, a Blackpoll, several Common Yellow Throats, and numerous Yellow Warblers.

Several Ospreys overhead from time to time; also Turkey Vultures. And all the usual suspects (including morning pond-side visits from a Black Crowned Night Heron).

This was a great time to be here. Good luck on your walk tomorrow. Hello to everyone. Jon Peterson

Laura Rosenzweig – Hi Kim, Bird report from Sedbergh (it's a combination of yesterday — heavy rain — and today — sunshine and showers): Tawny Owl being mobbed by 3 black crows, Magpie x 2, Wood Pigeons x 4 (these three, not the crows, all live in our Yew trees and fight every spring!), Bluetits x 4 Goldfinch x 4, Swifts x 3 (they've just returned this week), Swallows, Buzzard, Robins, Wren, Pheasant, Grey Heron (regular visitor to our pond). And, last week I saw an adult robin pick a worm from the lawn and feed it to a young hatchling following along behind, learning the ropes — it all happened literally right under my feet as I stood stock still and watched, wonderful to see it all in such detail, a privilege really). Laura And I almost Forgot — Nuthatch!

[Swallow equivalent to the America's Barn Swallow; Grey Heron (Britain) is the same species — as Great Blue Heron (U.S.); Wren (Britain) same genus species as Winter Wren (u.s.); Pheasant (Britain) is same genus species as Ring-necked Pheasant (U.S.). -kg]

Lauren Miller-Donnelly – I bet you've been having great birds all week. Every morning is a new bird for my May list. This morning was in the woods behind my house the area passes though maple wetlands to a powerline and some large oaks where I have been seeing warblers for the last week. Today I was treated by a Blackburnian Warbler! May 18th 2021, Westport MA: Wood Duck 2, Mourning Dove 1, Chimney Swift 1, Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1, Common Loon 1, Great Blue Heron 1, Red-bellied Woodpecker 1, Downy

Woodpecker 1, Northern Flicker 1, Eastern Wood-Pewee 1, Great Crested Flycatcher 2, Yellow-throated Vireo 1, Blue Jay 1, Black-capped Chickadee 7, Tufted Titmouse 5, Tree Swallow 7, Barn Swallow 4, White-breasted Nuthatch 1, House Wren 1, Carolina Wren 1, European Starling 1, Gray Catbird 12, Northern Mockingbird 1, American Robin 3, Cedar Waxwing 2, House Sparrow 6, House Finch 2, American Goldfinch 3, Chipping Sparrow 3, Song Sparrow 4, Eastern Towhee 3, Baltimore Oriole 3, Red-winged Blackbird 8, Brown-headed Cowbird 4, Common Grackle 3, Ovenbird 2, Northern Waterthrush 3, Blue-winged Warbler 5, Black-and-white Warbler 1, Common Yellowthroat 7, American Redstart 5, Northern Parula 2, Blackburnian Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 11, Northern Cardinal 4, Rose-breasted Grosbeak 2